

A Query.

Why is it that after looking at the goods advertised at the great mark-down and slaughter sales the people come here and buy?

The Answer.

Because they have their eyes open. They know that no merchant will sell his goods for less than cost and they are fully satisfied that our goods and prices are the best values. That is the reason that whenever there is a cut-rate sale in progress our business always increases.

See the splendid values in Men's Suits that we are showing at all prices from \$10 to \$35; each and every one a bargain; all of them marked now at the prices that they will be sold for, and are not to be cut in half later on.

Do not fail to inspect the superb assortment of Black Cheviots and Thibets, in all styles of garments, Prince Albert, Frocks, Cutaways, Single and Double-breasted Sacks, all made and trimmed in the best manner, or they would not be on our counters. All at proper prices.

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The American Clothiers,
319 7TH ST. N. W.

THE SCORE-CARD FRENCH.

To Enjoy a Baseball Game You Must Sit Beside Him.

From the New York World.

If you want to enjoy yourself at a baseball match manage to sit beside the man who tries to keep a score of the game for his own satisfaction.

No one has yet solved the mystery why this man bothers his head about the score, but all the same he is as much absorbed in the work as if every mark and figure he makes were to go into the next United States census report.

The chief peculiarity of this man is that he doesn't know how to keep a score card anyhow.

The official scorers, who get paid for their labor, do not do half the work for their money that this man does for the pure love of it. It is understood that a large part of the satisfaction he finds comes from the knowledge that the people around him can't keep a score, and therefore he must be greatly envied and admired. This belief may be right or wrong, but with this man it goes.

The score card itself does not go to the ball match for the pleasure of seeing the game. He is educated far beyond that point and goes for the pleasure of recording the play—the game. People who are satisfied with merely watching the progress of the game on the field are subjects of this man's pity.

When the score-card record is so anxious to keep a correct record of every detail on the field, we hold it is not right to suppose that the victim of defective information, if, for instance, he has been absorbed in watching the ladies in the vicinity, and the game has got away from him, it is not fair to tell him when he asks, that O'Keefe went out on a foul when, in fact, he made a home run. Misinformation of this kind, when given to him a dozen times during the progress of the game, has a tendency to mar the accuracy of his score. Give the score-card field a chance.

Not Welcome in the North.

From the New York World.

That the negro has made but little more social advancement in the North than in the South is evidenced by the fact that the hotel and boarding-house keepers of New Brunswick, N. J., are averse to receiving under their roofs the delegates to the Conference of the New Jersey African Methodist Church, now in session there.

These delegates are educated, respectable negroes, many of them college graduates, and yet no boarding-house seeks their patronage. That there should be prejudice in the South is quite natural, but why should it exist in New Jersey?

The Wise Virgin.

From Life.

Yes, they have had a quarrel, and she has been given to understand that he will marry her rival. But she is not cast down. She happens to know that her rival was engaged to another man last evening. Moreover, the summer will soon be here, and instead of going to Mount Desert as a fiancée, and receiving no attention, she will have a jolly good time and "loads of fun."

The engagement can, if desirable, be renewed in the autumn.

An Improvement on Dudley.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Let us do our own registration and our own counting," says Mr. Reed. That is certainly the sure method of making sure of an election, and it would save many thousands of dollars of election expenses now borne by our infant industries. The man who says that Mr. Reed has not a great head is no reader of the news.

WORK OF BOTH HOUSES.

DISTRICT MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE SENATE TO-DAY.

The Lafayette State Site Condemned.

The Rock Creek Park Route Local Interests Considered by the House Committee—Other Proceedings.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Pensions, reported back the House substitute for the Senate Pension bill, and moved that it be non-concurred in. Agreed to.

A written report accompanied the bill, and on motion of Mr. Sherman for 30,000 extra copies was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Messrs. Davis, Sawyer and Blodgett were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Bate offered a long preamble and resolution on the subject of the proposed statue to Lafayette in Lafayette Square, condemning the site selected as one that would have the effect of "mixing and mingling the outlines of the two statues" (Jackson's and Lafayette's). In such confusion the bill would be impossible to distinguish from the White House "whether Jackson was riding over Lafayette or Lafayette dodging under Jackson," and instructing the Committee on the Library to examine into the matter. Agreed to.

Senate bill to change the route of the Rock Creek Railway Company was taken from the calendar, amended so as to make it practically a new bill—the route being the only part of the original bill left intact—and passed.

The Senate then, at 1 p. m., resumed consideration of the Silver bill, and Mr. Jones of Nevada continued the speech begun by him yesterday.

In the House.

The House met at 11 o'clock to-day, and after the transaction of routine business went into Committee of the Whole on the Tariff bill.

Mr. McMillin of Tennessee moved to reduce the duty on ammonia. He said he could see no reason why this article of necessity to the farmer should be so heavily taxed.

Mr. McKinley, in opposition, stated that since the tariff had encouraged competition in this country the price of ammonia had been reduced from 20 to 7 1/2 cents per pound.

Mr. Butterworth, in a lengthy speech, said that the price of an article was not reduced because of free competition. It was reduced on account of improved methods of manufacture. He never doubted that the protective system was wise and had scattered wealth throughout the country.

The country in the election of Harrison and the Republican Congress had declared unequivocally in favor of sustaining and upholding the protective system. He then proceeded to expound his views touching reciprocity with Canada.

District in Congress.

The South Capitol Street Bridge Association, whose headquarters are at 629 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, has extended an invitation to the members of the House District Committee to accompany the association on its overland trip to Giesboro, Manoir on Saturday afternoon, May 17, at 2 p. m.

The invitation is qualified by the clause, in parenthesis, "weather permitting." The trip will be made in carriages at the expense of the committee. Invitations are signed by George J. Seufferle, chairman of the committee on invitation.

The two bills prepared by the District Commissioners and introduced in the House at their request by Mr. Atkinson of Pennsylvania, to regulate the sale of distilled spirits, and the bill to amend the act relating to the number of bar room licenses, respectively 10045 and 10046.

The former is understood to be Mr. Douglas's bill and the latter that of Mr. Hines and Colonel Robert. They are very much alike in their general tenor and effect, excepting that Mr. Douglas's is much more harsh and stringent than the other.

Each bill recognizes two different licenses, one for the sale of distilled liquors, and the other for the sale of wines or fermented liquors, and they must either be sold in quantities of not less than a pint and not to be drunk on the premises. This license is to cost \$300 a year.

The other is to cost \$600 a year. The number of bar room licenses is restricted in each bill to 400. Each bill endeavors to make clubs where liquors, wines or beers are sold and drunk as much as possible by the sale of distilled liquors. This will commend the bill to the Metropolitan, Cosmos, Columbian and other clubs of the city. Bill 10046 provides that a violation of license shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, and for a second offense, in addition to fine, imprisonment for a period not less than six months nor more than one year, and license revoked by the Commissioners.

Bill 10045 provides "That any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$600, and upon conviction of a second offense shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$600 nor more than \$1,000, and to imprisonment at hard labor in the Washington Asylum for not less than six months."

It is understood that the House committee will begin working upon these bills soon and endeavor to evolve a satisfactory and practical measure from them.

League Island Navy Yard.

The naval board, designated under a House resolution to report as to the advisability of League Island as a naval station and ship-building yard, to-day forwarded its report to the House.

The report is entirely favorable to the island as a suitable place for a naval station, and the first magnitude. The estimated cost of the proposed yard, exclusive of certain filling and grading, is \$14,565,480.50, the largest item being \$3,000,000 for docks and piers, and \$1,000,000 for the armament.

The amount estimated as necessary properly to commence operations is \$1,500,000.

Senator McPherson Disgraced.

Senator John R. McPherson returned to-day from a several days' visit to his Belle Meade stock farm in Northern New Jersey. He has recently engaged a new superintendent for this magnificent farm, and he went up to give him instructions. He is not in the best of humors over the passage of the Worstall bill. He had intended opposing it when it came up in the Senate, but

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A BOSTON DEFAULTER.

Fast Living and Fast Horses Lead an Insurance Agent to Ruin.

Boston, May 13.—Charles P. Fessenden of Boston, pleaded guilty yesterday to the embezzlement of an amount in excess of \$6,000 from his employers, O. H. and W. A. Buckley. Fessenden belongs to the well-known Maine family, which the late United States Senator William Pitt Fessenden was the head. His father was many years clerk of the Cumberland, Me., County Court, and later was the clerk of the court of Maine. Fessenden's many relatives hold an important position in the Pension Office at Washington.

Young Fessenden came to Boston about a year ago, and being of good social appearance, was engaged as an insurance agent by O. H. Buckley, representing the Provident Life Assurance Society of New York. In September last he was given full charge of the books, and it was not until after the new year that his employers suspected. Proof that it had been carried on from almost the first of his employment was soon forthcoming, and then efforts were made by Buckley to have Fessenden's many relatives make the loss good and avoid an indictment.

The sum stolen was found to be nearly \$10,000. Captain Nichols, president of a Boston insurance company, a relative of Fessenden's, was going to help the young man and save him from disgrace. He took steps in this direction, but in the course of the necessary investigation he came to the conclusion that Fessenden had secretly married his daughter. This greatly angered the family, and the result was that the young man was turned over to the courts.

Fessenden is a native of Maine here and has spent many years here. He had a weakness for fast horses. His mother and sister were in the court room, but none of his family attempted to save him from the consequences of his recklessness. The judge will impose sentence to-day.

HONORING HIS CHILD.

Remembering His Six-Year-Old—The Banquet Last Night.

Thirty-two members and invited guests of the George W. Childs Club were the banqueters last night at Faber's Cafe, on Ninth street. The banquet, as in other cities, was in honor of the sixtieth birthday of Mr. George W. Childs. Mr. W. W. Childs, president of the club, occupied the chair. Among the others present were Major Carson, representative of the Philadelphia Ledger; Representatives Cummings, Russell and Mr. W. W. Childs, president of the club. Daily of the Ledger office, Mr. John H. Oberly and Mr. Monday, the latter of Philadelphia.

Remarks were made by President Cummings, Mr. Monday, Mr. Childs, Major Carson, Mr. Daily and ex-Governor Oberly, all of which were eulogistic of Mr. Childs and his handsome contribution in behalf of the printers' fraternity, which cost Mr. Childs \$25,000. The occasion was a most enjoyable one to all of the participants.

FIE AND MILK.

The Combination That Brought a Police Court Case.

Otto Warner, the proprietor of the lunch room, 1002 F street northwest, was before the Bar in the Police Court this morning charged with violation of the Civil Rights law. It appears that a colored man named Churchman went into the place and called for a glass of milk and a piece of pie. The clerk in the place refused to sell to him because he was colored.

Churchman testified that he went in there because he had been in the habit of going there frequently for milk in the bulk. The clerk admitted to Churchman that he called him a nigger, and told him he did not sell to colored people. The proprietors were not there and knew but little about the case.

The Judge dismissed the case.

STOLE FROM UNCLE SAM.

A Tar-Beel Postmaster to Serve Three Years.

United States Marshal John Hill of North Carolina passed through the city last night on his way to Columbus, Ohio, with Weeks Armstrong, who is to be confined there for three years in the penitentiary.

Armstrong, who was postmaster at Rocky Mount, North Carolina, conveyed \$500 of the Government's money by his own use, and was tried and convicted. Marshall Hill placed his prisoner in the city penitentiary station last night for safe keeping.

A Terrible Sight.

A sickening accident happened to one of Allison Nallo's cab horses just before noon to-day on Eleventh street, near Pennsylvania avenue. While the animal was being led to the stable he was attached to the shaft of a passing wagon struck him and penetrated his body to a distance of several inches, making a ghastly-looking wound and causing a great deal of blood to flow. The poor animal will doubtless have to be shot.

Citizens and the Railroads.

Mr. N. H. Shea, president South Washington Citizens' Protective Association; L. Harmon, president South Washington Citizens' Association, No. 1, and O. T. Thompson, secretary, saw Commissioner Douglas this morning in advocacy of the bill in regard to the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, and as opposed to the Atkinson bill.

The Reichenbach Suicide.

The tools and satchel belonging to Frederick Reichenbach, who committed suicide in the White Lot several weeks ago, and for which the police have been searching, turned up to-day in a Seventh street tobacco store, where Reichenbach had evidently left them.

The Damrosch-Blaine Nuptials.

A license was filed in the clerk's office to-day authorizing Mr. Walter Damrosch of New York and Miss Margaret I. Blaine to enter into a contract of marriage. The marriage has already been announced socially.

Work on the Big Gun.

The work on the great guns and carriages for the new Navy is progressing rapidly at the Washington Yard, under the direction of Mr. David Holsteter, first assistant engineer, and Charles Smithson, quartermaster.

Helping Along Negro Education.

This evening a meeting will be held at the Lincoln Memorial Church for the purpose of organizing a North Carolina Educational Society in the interest of the Rankin-Richards Institute for colored people. This school is in northeast North Carolina.

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